

The Ovington Oracle

May, 2016

There will be a temporary road closure for part of Church Road on 30 May, see notices on pg.5

The election for Norfolk's Police and Crime Commissioner takes place on 5 May, as usual the polling station is at the Village Hall open between 7:00am-10:00pm. There are six candidates to choose from and you don't need your poll card to vote. Unlike some countries elections in England don't include a 'none of the above' option. However, many people last time chose to strike through or write a message on the ballot paper, these ballots were counted and officially recorded as 'spoilt' so no matter what your views there is an option for you, so please vote.

Diary Dates

All at Village Hall unless otherwise indicated

Mondays, 10:30am	Coffee morning, until 11:30am
Mondays, 1:30pm	Bowls
Mondays, 6:00pm	Breckland Js Junior Choir
1 May, 9:30am	Holy communion (church)
x	No Crafters' session in May
12 May, 7:30pm	Parish Council
15 May, 10:30am	Lay led family service (church)
17 May, 7:45pm	Ladies Group
30 May, 11:00am	Bank holiday fun at the Village Hall and <i>Wacky Scrappy Gravity Race</i>

To book the village hall contact Lyndia Lewis 882222

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Our Community – Our Church

John Hardy & Chris Springford

Further progress is being made in the development stage of St John the Evangelist Heritage Lottery Fund application as described at the recent public meeting in the church prior to the PCC AGM. The architect's provisional reports, subject to confirmation, indicated the tower did not appear as bad as thought, the east wall above the altar windows were worse than expected, and reports were expected soon on the other areas.

The people present, representing much of the village, unanimously voted in favour of continuing the project to preserve the fabric of the church, and they understood the internal changes being considered but all are subject to sanctioning by the Diocese. A full update will be given in due course.



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Ladies Group

Ann Johnson



Eighteen Ladies enjoyed a delicious meal at The Chequers in Thompson on 19th April. This was the Annual Dinner and most of the ladies wore red, white and blue as a celebration of the Queen's 90th birthday. There was lots of chatter on the table and the whole evening was a great success.

Next month our Meeting will be at 7:45 pm on Tuesday, 17th May and Georgette Vale is giving us a talk and display on Patchwork and Quilting. This should be a very interesting evening and, if any lady in the village has a particular interest in this subject, then they are most welcome to join us.

The competition will be the letter "Q" - this could be a little tricky but I am sure our ladies will come up with some ingenious entries.

By this date we hope to have all the information available about the walk on 21st June.

Ovington Wild Life

Christine Reilly

The variety of wild life around the village is really quite amazing. A few weeks ago, we had a visit from a Californian Quail as he trotted up the garden behind a troupe of pheasants who were clearing up under the bird table. Before Christmas we saw a single egret making its way along the ditch towards the river. We frequently hear and see buzzards circling over the garden (the highest number spotted was 8, presumably two pairs with two youngsters each). The sound of kingfishers is frequently heard, but in almost 30 years I have only ever seen one, two or three times! It is strange though that we almost never see a house sparrow or starling in our garden. Have they all moved in to town or are we not putting out the correct food for them?

St John's Church

Ann Johnson

Sunday, 1st May
9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday, 15th May
10:30am Lay Led: Family Service



Monday, 30th May
1:30pm Church Cleaning

On Monday 2nd May there will be a Benefice Fête at Ashill Rectory from 1 – 5. There will be all the usual stalls and Ovington are responsible for the Book Stall. If you have any unwanted books then please leave them in the church any day up to Sunday, 1st May. The proceeds will be divided between the four parishes.

On 18th June 10:00 – 12:00 we plan to hold a coffee morning in the Village Hall. There will be a raffle, tombola, including a child's tombola, cake stall etc. Come and enjoy a cup of coffee and a cake and meet your friends for a chat. Proceeds to church funds. As there will be no garden fête in the village this year, we are trying to make this a successful fund-raiser.

We are planning some more '**Hymns for a Summer Evening**'. If you would like to make sure your favourite hymn is included, then please let Jean have your requests.

Thank You

Timothy Birt

A big thank you to all who supported and helped with the village litter pick. A large haul of rubbish was collected making the roads leading to the village noticeably tidier – Breckland eventually removed the bags!

A shout for Jeremy Woods who organised the 'village made' Ovington Beacon which was lit for the Queen's Birthday. It appeared to be the only one in the locality; the Army cheated and let off some flares, but Ovington got there first.

Parish Council (PC)

Rod Rumsby / Timothy Birt

A report of the meeting on 30 March, from the unconfirmed minutes.

Matters Arising from Minutes

Consideration of the A1075 speed restriction is now delayed as the officer responsible at Norfolk County Council is no longer in post.

Planning

3PL/2016/0310/HOU (12 The Street) – No objection, Councillors felt the similar frontage fits in well with its neighbour.

3PL/2016/0210/F (Red Roofs King Row) – Councillors recognised that this development would tidy an otherwise scruffy site.

However, there were concerns over road access to A1075 and that housing targeted towards those with mobility impairment is neither sustainable nor appropriate for this site which is a considerable distance from local services.

NALC membership

Councillors felt that in light of the current internal difficulties within the *Norfolk Association of Local Councils* it did not provide value for money. PC to suspend membership, to be reviewed again next year.

Next meetings

12 May at 7:30pm.

Notices

Editor

Spraying: We have very generously been allowed to exercise dogs (on a lead) around the field adjacent to the allotments. Soon, when conditions permit, the farmer will be spraying the field and it is recommended that dogs be excluded for a few days following this. A notice will be placed at the allotment entrance.

Church Road will be closed between the A1075 and the Village Hall on Bank Holiday Monday – 30th May for the Wacky Scrappy Gravity Race. Access to the Village Hall and for residents will be maintained from the village end of Church Road.

Village Hall

Christine Reilly

Spring Bank Holiday – Fun!

Come along to join in the fun on Monday 30 May when the Parish Council are organising the 'Wacky Scrappy Gravity Race'. The village hall will be open for refreshments from 12 – 4 pm with a BBQ as well as the usual tea and cakes. There will be a massive book stall inside the hall, a tombola and one or two fun games, not forgetting the stress-busting Aunt Sally. Donations of items for the tombola or crockery for the Aunt Sally will be gratefully received by any of the committee (or bring them to the hall any Monday morning). If you can spare any time on the day to help with running a stall we would also like to hear from you. Cakes for the refreshments department will be welcome on the morning of the 30th.

Ovington Quiz

The village hall was almost full for the annual quiz as 11 teams battled it out, dredging facts on mostly patriotic themes (it was St George's Day) from their dim and distant memories. Ovington's two entrants (The Ladies Group and the Dog Walkers) tied in a very creditable 4th place, but victory went to Nancy's team from Watton. Everyone had a very enjoyable evening and plenty to eat, in the Ovington tradition, while raising money for the village hall. Many thanks to the committee for doing the food and making the evening run so smoothly and to Adrian for doing the questions again. (Please can we have some REALLY easy questions next time, Adrian?)

Crafters'

There is no Crafters' session in May.

Wacky Scrappy Gravity Race

Timothy Birt

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The Wacky Scrappy Gravity Race is ON

Monday 30 May 2016

We have ten daring teams signed up and ready to race.

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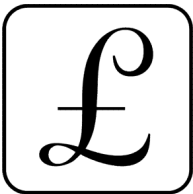
Practice in the morning, racing will start around 1pm

Can you make a cart from scrap material that you can sit in or on? It must not have any form of motive power, engine, pedals, sail, etc. Late entries may be accepted, for more information see:

www.ovington.org.uk

Village Lottery

Adrian Malton



The March winners:

1st prize (£10)

2nd prize (£5)

Tim Birt,



Marie Ana Cave

Rainfall

Rod Rumsby



As it hasn't rained for 4 days I am getting concerned that the Council will issue a hose pipe ban, so to reassure you that there are adequate stocks of the wet stuff, here are the readings for March & April.

March Total 82mm or 3.25"

April thus far 55mm or 2.2"

What's on Locally

www.derehammemorialhall.co.uk

Friends of Dereham Memorial Hall present

Three Half Pints – Bad Guys

Friday 13 May at 5:00pm

The rising stars of CBeebies present fabulous family fun, an hour or more of mayhem, now touring nationally. Monty Python meets Mr Pastry! A hilarious new slapstick misadventure for kids aged 5-11.

Adults £6, children £4,

www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/FGIMEL



Geoff Pritchard

Swaffham Jazz Club

Tuesday 10 May at:

The King's Arms Coaching Inn,
21 Market Place, Swaffham PE37 7LA

"Four 4 Jazz"

Traditional Jazz & Swing

£5 at door, food downstairs from 7:00pm, Jazz upstairs from 8:00.

More information:

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